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GOVERNOR

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Frankfort  
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**RELATING TO REORGANIZATION OF THE  
KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of state government to provide the citizens of this Commonwealth with an economical and efficient government structure, as well as regulatory practices that are administered in a consistent, ethical, and coordinated manner; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to KRS 247.090, the Kentucky State Fair Board is composed of fifteen (15) members, with two (2) being appointed by the Governor from lists of nominees submitted by organizations which are inactive, without a local Kentucky Chapter, and/or no longer exist; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Kentucky State Fair Board, as established by the provisions of Chapter 247 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, should be abolished, recreated, and restructured with an enhanced governing membership reflective of the expanded role of the Kentucky State Fair Board in attracting world-class events in the agricultural, agri-business, and entertainment arenas, and establishing such regulatory and marketing considerations necessary to promote the safety and success of these endeavors:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.028, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Kentucky State Fair Board ("Board") is hereby recreated and established as an agency of state government charged with the responsibility for regulatory oversight and the establishment of sound policies and procedures governing the operations at the state fair grounds and the Kentucky International Convention Center for agricultural and industrial exhibitions, conventions, trade shows, public gatherings, and other functions calculated to advance and enhance the visitor industry, economy, entertainment, cultural, and educational interests of the public.



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- II. The State Fair Board shall be composed of nineteen (19) members as follows:
- (a) The Governor or his or her designee;
  - (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;
  - (c) The dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky;
  - (d) Eight (8) members appointed by the Governor from the state at large with due consideration to geographical distribution throughout the state;
  - (e) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from the state at large who is involved with or experienced in animal agriculture;
  - (f) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from the state at large who is involved with or experienced in agribusiness;
  - (g) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows.
  - (h) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau representing the hospitality and tourism industry.
  - (i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees submitted by the governing body of the American Saddlebred Horse Association.
  - (j) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees submitted by the governing body of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.
  - (k) The State President of the Kentucky FFA Association, known as the State FFA President, who shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the Association.
  - (l) The State President of the Kentucky 4-H Organization, known as the State 4-H President, who shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the Organization.
- III. The terms of the appointed members of the board shall be for four (4) years dating from the beginning of the terms for which they were appointed and until their successors are appointed. Political affiliation of the appointed members shall be as evenly divided as possible between the two (2) political parties polling the largest number of votes in the state at general elections. In case of a vacancy among the appointed members of the board, the unexpired term shall be filled pursuant to the requirements and procedures for original appointments. Except for the State FFA President and the State 4-H President, members of the Board shall be voting members, shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each meeting attended, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses paid or incurred in the discharge of official business.
- IV. The Governor shall appoint one (1) member of the Board to serve as its chairperson. The Governor shall further designate a second member to serve as vice chair with authority to act in the absence of the chair. A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



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- V. Except as otherwise provided, the Board shall have exclusive control and direction over all duties, functions, and responsibilities previously exercised by the former Kentucky State Fair Board. All authority, functions and responsibility vested in the former Kentucky State Fair Board are hereby transferred to the newly recreated and established Board herein, which shall utilize that authority, function, and responsibility to carry out the functions of the Board. The Kentucky State Fair Board as it existed prior to the issuance of this Order is hereby abolished. All duties, functions, responsibilities, records, equipment, staff, and supporting budgets of the former Kentucky State Fair Board and all functions, rights, powers, duties, and obligations as set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and other relevant provisions of the law are hereby transferred to the newly recreated and established Board herein.
- VI. Members currently serving on the former Kentucky State Fair Board, now abolished, shall continue to serve on the newly recreated and established Board until the expiration date of their term of service under any previous Order of appointment, as set forth below:
- (a) For a term expiring December 12, 2014:
- Andrew Marshall Coyle  
P.O. Box 241  
Owingsville, KY 40360  
Representing Ky. Farm Bureau
- Thomas J. Schifano  
118 Promenade Ct.  
Louisville, KY 40223  
Representing state-at-large
- (b) For a term expiring June 30, 2016:
- Ronald L. Carmicle  
1309 Leighton Circle  
Louisville, KY 40222  
Representing state-at-large
- Mark E. Lynn  
4802 Albrecht Court  
Louisville, KY 40241  
Representing state-at-large
- (c) For a term expiring December 12, 2016:
- James Michael Libs  
6926 Boston Laffoon Road  
Philpot, KY 42366  
Representing state-at-large



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Frederick Kelly Sarver  
3648 Pleasant Springs Road  
Carlisle, KY 40311  
Representing American Saddlebred  
Horse Association

VII. Additionally, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the newly recreated and established Board as follows:

(a) For a term expiring December 12, 2016:

Lois Mateus  
1279 Central Pike  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330  
Representing the state-at-large who is involved with  
or experienced in agribusiness

Michael J. Grisanti  
6 Overbrook Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40207  
Representing the hospitality and tourism industry

(b) For a term expiring December 12, 2017:

William B. Tolle  
8254 Orangeburg Road  
Maysville, KY 41056  
Representing the state-at-large who is involved with  
or experienced in animal agriculture

Ann Bakhaus  
4360 Bosworth Lane  
Lexington, KY 40510  
Representing the state-at-large

Jennifer Barber  
10417 Edgewater Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40223  
Representing the state-at-large

(c) For a term expiring July 15, 2018:

Ryan Bridgeman  
4703 Brownsboro Gardens Drive  
Louisville, KY 40241  
Representing the state-at-large



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Jimmy Cauley  
3700 Kernen Court  
Louisville, KY 40241  
Representing the state-at-large

Gibson Garrett Gosser  
412 College Street  
Somerset, KY 42501  
Representing KY Association of Fairs & Horse Shows

- (d) Austin Hazelwood  
500 Mero Street, Room 2023  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Current FFA President

Jordan Slone  
212 Scovell Hall  
Lexington, KY 40546  
Current 4H President

- VIII. I hereby name Mark E. Lynn to serve as Chair and James Michael Libs to serve as Vice-Chair.
- IX. The Board, the Tourism and Heritage Cabinet, Personnel Cabinet, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall take all necessary action to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

  
STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

  
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
Secretary of State

## **REORGANIZATION PLAN**

This Executive Order abolishes, recreates, and establishes the Kentucky State Fair Board. It increases its membership from fifteen (15) members to nineteen (19) members.

This reorganization is for administrative purposes with no resulting personnel or fiscal impact.

The reorganization will not result in any net increased expenditures to Kentucky state government.